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Title: MICROHOLE ARRAY, OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY, CONNECTOR, AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MICROHOLE ARRAY

1. Papers enclosed

A. Required (in JAPANESE) for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

18 Page(s) of Specification
3 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
8 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-16)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data
 A Preliminary Amendment
 An Information Disclosure Statement
 PTO Form-1449

2. Additional Papers to Follow Under Separate Cover

- A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 A Claim for Priority and certified copies of:

Japanese Application 2001-162148 filed May 30, 2001 and
Japanese Application 2001-223931 filed July 25, 2001

- An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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